

Taking over the Municipal College to Government

731. SRI H. M. MALLIKARJUNAPPA(Tarikere) —Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education be pleased to state.—

(a) the year in which the Junior College, Tarikere was handed over by the Tarikere Municipality to the Government ?

(b) whether the said College building has been repaired?

(c) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Director of Public Instructions, Chickmagalur has reported to Government for the repairs of the said school and college buildings ?

SMT NAGAMMA C. KESHAVAMURTHY (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education).—

(a) The Government have taken over the Junior College from the Municipality in the year 1973.

(b) No

(c) Yes.

REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS

re: Death of Mr. Jothi Senthana, Health secretary

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM —Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, day before yesterday I had raised a point regarding the death of Mr. Jothi Senthana, Health Secretary to the Government. Of course, the Speaker and the Parliamentary Affairs Minister said that they will inform the concerned Minister to make a statement.

Sir, one Mr. Jothi Senthana an young honest IAS Officer aged 43 years with 17 years of service died in Victoria Hospital. He was not given proper treatment in the hospital. This Senior IAS Officer who has put in 17 years of service, being the Secretary for Health has not been given proper attention, proper treatment and proper medicines at proper time. As a result, this, honest IAS Officer died leaving his wife and two children. He comes from a very poor family. I am happy the Minister for Health was at his bed side when he breathed his last. I also came to know that the Minister went to Madras to see his family. It is good on the part of the Minister. But why proper treatment was not accorded to him who was the Health Secretary? The family has lost an earning person. The Government should come forward to give his wife, a poor lady, some appointment on compassionate grounds because he died in harness, and see his childrens are given some education facilities. I would like to know from the Government what was the condition of this poor

IAS Officer at the time of death? Why proper treatment was not given? How long he was suffering? Further, I will say this honest officer died because of negligence on the part of the doctors. The Government should come forward to rehabilitate his family.

† SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Sri Jothi Senthana died in Victoria Hospital at 10.20 P.M. on 25-3-81 because of (i) bleeding prolapsed piles with secondary anaemia and (ii) immediate cause of death was peripheral circulatory failure, secondary to anaemia, hypertension, renal failure, adrenal failure and internal bleeding. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I disagree with my hon. member Sri C. M. Armugham that proper treatment was not given to Sri Jothi Senthana and he died because of negligence on the part of the doctors. I really disagree with him. On 20th March, 1981 at about 10.30 A.M. one day earlier we had decided that we should go to Bangalore Medical College for a surprise visit. The Health Secretary also came and both of us went to BMC. After about 15 to 20 minutes inspection we went inside the laboratory and other portions and suddenly he fell down with giddiness. After 2 or 3 minutes he regained his consciousness and vomited. He wanted to go home. But I said, 'you cannot go.' We forcibly took him to the hospital. The real cause is, he was suffering from gross anaemia having 4.5 gm Haemoglobin as against normal 15 gms secondary to bleeding and prolonged piles of nearly three years duration. He had piles for three years, which he neglected.

This patient was hospitalised at Victoria Hospital on 21-3-81. The examination and investigation confirmed the original diagnosis. He was given three blood transfusions on 22nd, 23rd and 25th. Of these two were packed cells. There was no reaction at any time during the transfusion period. Barium meal examination was also done for any other possible evidence of gastro intestinal as well as any other abnormality GI. tract. Barium meal examination was normal. He had repeated Electro Cardiogram before admitting him to the hospital as well as after he started complaining of restlessness on 25-3-81, all of which were normal. While in the hospital he was persisting that he must attend a scheduled meeting on 24-3-81 and he attended the meeting along with a doctor as an escort. On 25-3-81 he had barium meal around 9.00 A. M. and followed through so at 11.00 A.M. He had one bottle of blood transfusion between 11.45 A.M. and 1.45 P.M. He was normal through out this period. At 2.30 P.M. he felt tired and was sweating. At 3.00 P.M. he vomited twice. The blood pressure started coming down. The patient was

given compose and novalgin injections. He vomited again at 4-30 P.M. The blood pressure went down to 80/40. At this time the following team of Professors attended on the patient.

Dr. R.H.N. Shenoy, Principal, Professor & Head of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. S.B. Basavarajendra, Prof. of Medicine,

Dr. B.D. Sujath, Prof. of Anaesthesiology,

Dr. D.B. Suryanarayana Rao, Prof. and Head of Department of Anaesthesia.

This patient who had peripheral circulatory failure was not responding to the treatment satisfactorily. At about 8 P.M. The Director of Medical Education and Joint Director (Medical Education) was informed that his B.P. was not coming up and also both of them rushed to the Hospital.

10-30 A.M.

So, I can say there was no delay in treating him. In fact, I was present at that time and I admitted him to the Hospital and treatment was given. Sri Jothi Senthana died at 10:20 p.m. on 25-3-1981. The next day I went to Madras to console his family members. When I went there I found his family members living in a slum area which is unhygienic. His house had only old tiles. I met his father and informed the death of Sri Jothi Senthana. Sri Jothi Senthana has got brothers and sisters. From this we can assume how honest he was. I agree with the hon. member Sri Armugham that the officer who died while in service must be given some assistance. It may be in the form of some compensation or if his wife or children eligible for appointment should be given a job in the Department. In this case I feel the members of the officer should be given a free site on a compassionate ground if they do not have a house or a site.

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SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD. — I have been associated with Mr. Jothi Senthana. I know him personally. When Sri Jothi Senthana fell down I took him personally to the Victoria Hospital. So the question of money does not arise at all. All the Doctors who were on duty that day attended him. He was a Secretary loved by every one and at the same time he was very kind to each one of the staff members and also public. During his short period of service he has turned out an excellent work in the Department. That is the reason why I made a trip to Madras to pacify his family members. He was one of the best

officers I have ever seen. It is not fair to say that proper treatment was not given to him when he was admitted to the Hospital. I must compliment the professors and Doctors who have attended Sri Jothi Senthana. It is only because of his negligence about his health, that his health deteriorated and death took place suddenly. That is why every one of us should have periodical check up of ourselves and also officers should have periodical check up. Sri Jothi Senthana was coming to the office early in the morning at 8 o'clock and used to sit up to 8 p.m. in the night. He neglected his health and as per the medical report he was having piles complaint which led to his death. Had he taken treatment in time he would not have died so early. I compliment the Health Department and Doctors who served him while he was in hospital. As already mentioned the family members of the honest officers should be provided some relief like providing job to his wife or children I shall personally take up this matter with the Government and then if his wife needs a site that will also be provided.

SRI C. M. ARUNUGHAM.—If the wife of late Sri Jothi Senthana asks for a site, will the Government consider of providing a site free of cost?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister I assure that a site will be given free of cost to her.

SRI SUBBAIAH SHETTY.—Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very important matter. One by name Ammanni about 17 years of Sullia went to forest along with others for collecting firewood and she was found dead by the forest guards. Her body was found in a river with violent marks on her body and blood-stains in her saree. The police have registered a case. In view of this seriousness I request the Government to investigate the case because we apprehend that matter is being hushed up by certain vested interests. I have also sent in a notice in this behalf.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOLLY.—We will ask for a report and submit to the House.

ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್. ಎಲ್. ತಿಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ. ನಾನು ಒಂದು ಕಾಲ ಅಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ಪೋಷನ್ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೆ. ಮಗುಸೂರು ತಾಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೊಬ್ಯಾಕೋ ಬ್ಯಾರನ್ ಕಟ್ಟಿದವರಿಗೆ ೧೯೭೯.೮೦ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಬ್ಸೈಡ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಸೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ೧೦-೧೫ ರಿವಸ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ. ಅದು ಸೋಪುವಾರ ಆಜೆಂಡಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮ್ಯಾಜಿಸ್ಟರೇಟ್ ಬಳಿಯದು ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.